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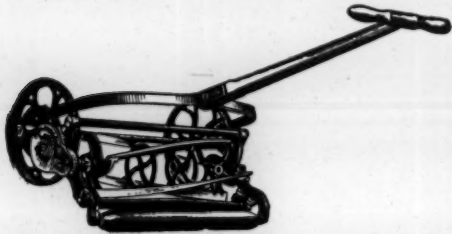
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EDITORIAL

DECEMBER brings with it the happy Christmas tide when family ties are strengthened by joyous reunions under the old roof-tree and loving greetings and good wishes fly from friend to friend, belting this earth with a chain of Christmas greetings, carrying the message of the Christ-child wherever a written language is known. Gifts and good cheer make poor and rich alike happy; evergreens and holly emblemize a happy holiday. Let our gifts be expressive of ourselves, let them come from the depths of a generous and unselfish heart; let peace and goodwill fill us with a broad and loving charity toward all God's children, and may the white angels of Christmas sing in our hearts and our homes!

AGAIN December brings into our lives a feeling of conclusion which is not always an unhappy state of mind. The year has come to an end, the clock of time has struck another hour, and the task not finished must be set aside for another year or for other hands to complete. If the time has been spent in faithful service, if the work has been done carefully and conscientiously, we should face the summing up with a calm and peaceful mind. Time has been given us to show what we could do; if we have wasted it, there may be great lessons in the present moments of regret which haunt our souls; if we have spent it well, we are stronger to face the tasks of the coming year.

To the club woman this question of a completed task, a year's closing, brings to mind the advantages and disadvantages of rotation in office. The limited term, like the year's end, gives the faithful officer a chance to count up the failures and successes of her service to her association. If there have been tasks too big for her strength, she can now step down and out and see the burden rest on shoulders possibly more able to bear it than her own, and she can rejoice in the hope that great achievements are in store for a beloved association whose welfare has been her responsibility in times past.

No woman living a normal domestic life can serve an association for an unlimited time and give it the best service possibly securable from its membership. Every mind and heart needs a term for rest and introspection; an ebb-tide, when the sands may be dry and no damage done to ships and sailors. Life means circulation, and good material in the shape of capable officers may be *rotated out* by a limited term of office, and yet there are equal chances of its being *rotated in*. Then, too, incapacity may be rotated out and efficiency can always be *rotated back in*. Again, through rotation, the equilibrium between the floor and the chair and board is better preserved; the floor will be more sympathetic with the trials, labors and discouragements of the platform when there is a constant interchange of personnel in each case. Rotation in office does not mean office seeking, but it does mean equalization of responsibility among all members of an association. It creates a type of democracy which

has its ideal in the American mind trained in the tenets of the fathers of this republic and it builds up the general tone of the membership of an organization and develops untold possibilities.

Tenure for life may be a good proposition for the organization, but it is unfair to the officer; for in many cases, with an unlimited term, an earnest, faithful worker may hesitate to lay down her portfolio for fear that her retirement may be construed as lack of interest in a body which has honored her so long.

So, with the lesson of the closing year, let us urge upon our women's associations the benefits that may come from some sort of limit to a term of office. It need not be a short term, but there is inspiration and encouragement in seeing a definite goal ahead—a marker on life's field proclaiming the task completed, the race run. Some one has said, "One must be rid of things without, in order to allow room and nourishment for things within."

Sum up the achievements of your year, write up the books of your office, and remember the value and usefulness of the Hebrew *Sabbatical year*.

THE United Daughters of the Confederacy, at their Norfolk, Va., Convention in November, mapped out a large field of co-operative work. As a general association they are collecting funds for a fifty thousand dollar monument on the battlefield of Shiloh; they pledged themselves to undertake to erect a monument on the Confederate plot in Arlington Cemetery, and they will not be satisfied with a small monument there. They have raised a \$350 scholarship for a student at Teachers' College, Columbia University, for this year and continue their \$100 prize, offered to Columbia University for an essay on some subject bearing on the history of the Confederacy. The work of the bestowal of Crosses of Honor goes on, and numberless local monuments, scholarships, charities and literary and historical endeavors, launched in the various divisions of this association, show that the energy and courage of these southern women of today is as undiminished as that of their Confederate mothers and Revolutionary great-grandmothers.

THE English scholarship fund, which the General Federation of Women's Clubs is collecting, through the efforts of its Educational Committee, is attracting the attention of club women generally, and plans are being successfully worked out by which every state federation can contribute its \$100, and thus be entitled to enter a candidate into the competition for this scholarship. New York, New Jersey and Missouri have already raised their \$100; Florida and South Carolina have their fund well under way, and doubtless at the Boston biennial every state federation will report its \$100 in hand and a candidate ready to compete for the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of contact with the older and riper scholarship and university life of the mother country.

THE KEYSTONE: I have had *The Keystone* and the *Federation Bulletin* together ever since the *Bulletin* was made the official organ, and I would feel lost without them. Enclosed please find 75 cents for renewal of both.

MRS. A. J. B. BARKLEY,
 President Iowa Library Association.

Boone, Iowa, November 12th, 1907.

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS

For the State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina, Florida and Virginia.
(This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for South Carolina to Mrs. R. D. Wright, Newberry, S. C., Corresponding Secretary S. C. F. W., Manager.

President—Mrs. A. F. McKissick, Greenwood, S. C.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. A. Russell, Greenville, S. C.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. R. D. Wright, Newberry, S. C.
Treasurer—Mrs. R. H. Jennings, Orangeburg, S. C.
(70 Clubs—4,760 Members.)

As planned for at the Orangeburg Convention, a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs was held in Columbia during fair week. The meeting was held on Thursday, October 31, at 12 M., in the auditorium of the Columbia College for Women. Owing to a delayed train, the second vice-president, Mrs. Gibbon, called the meeting to order and carried on business until the president, Mrs. McKissick, arrived; and in the absence of the recording secretary, Mrs. R. D. Wright acted secretary *pro tem*. The chief matter under discussion was the Reformatory and the urgent need of an appropriation by the Legislature this year. The meeting authorized the corresponding secretary to write to the Board of Trustees expressing the deep interest that the Federation takes in the establishment of the institution and offering them our help where we can be of use. The meeting also authorized the president to collect statistics in connection with juvenile offenders, for distribution among the members of the General Assembly, to prepare those items in proper pamphlet form and sign them officially.

The Badge Committee, through Mrs. Burney, presented designs, and a very artistic badge was accepted, costing \$1 apiece. This badge is to be of silver, circular in shape, having blue and white enamel around the edge, with the words, "South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs," and a palmetto tree, in relief, in the center.

Miss Dargan, chairman of education, stated that all the scholarships are filled, and made a strong plea for South Carolina to raise her \$100 for the international scholarship. Miss Louisa Poppenheim explained the plan as adopted by the General Federation, suggested by the Society of American Women in London. It is based on the plan of the Rhodes scholarships for men; and every state contributing her \$100 will have the privilege of presenting a candidate. Miss Dargan asks each club to raise at least \$1.50 as soon as possible, and send the amount to her. She suggests voluntary contributions, or collections, on Educational Day.

Miss Nance also made a strong plea for the rural schools of the state.

The president appointed Mrs. Beall, of Sumter, the member from South Carolina to represent the Health Department of the Civic Committee of the General Federation, which is now working in behalf of the extermination of tuberculosis.

It is deeply regretted that so few club women attended this meeting, although a number were in the city attending this fair. This brings up the question of combining a club meet-

ing with the attractions of a fair when the father and the children are in town, and so many conflicting attractions. Those present were: Mrs. McKissick, Mrs. G. E. Gibbon, second vice-president; Mrs. R. D. Wright, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. B. Burney, auditor; Miss Theodosia Dargan, chairman of education; Miss M. E. Klinck, chairman of kindergarten; Miss Louisa Poppenheim, the Inter-collegiate Club; Miss Mary Nance, the School Improvement Association; Mrs. Beall, Civic League, Sumter; Mrs. Perry, the Franklin Circle, Lancaster. L. B. P.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the South Carolina School Improvement Association met in Columbia, at Wright's Hotel, and in the office of the State Superintendent of Education, November 1st and 2d, holding two sessions each day. The following prizes were awarded from among the sixty applicants:

One hundred dollars each to Jamison School, Orangeburg county; Johnsonville, Williamsburg county; Green Pond, Laurens; Elgin, Lancaster, and Spring Branch, Horry.

Fifty dollars each to Union, Georgetown; Cross Anchor, Spartanburg; Athens, Horry; Luray, Hampton; Sumter Memorial Academy, Sumter; Trinity Ridge, Laurens; Phoenix, Greenwood; Britton Neck, Marion; Salem, Marlboro, and Lynhurst, Florence.

All of the reports and photographs submitted were so very good that it was a very difficult task for the committee to decide upon the awards.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the association in Columbia December 30th and 31st, and the program for this meeting was planned and given to the president, authorizing her to make substitutions, if necessary.

The following members were present: Miss Nance, president; Miss Kate Mazyck, vice-president; Miss Rodgers, recording secretary; Miss Louisa Poppenheim, chairman of Executive Committee; Miss Theodosia Dargan, Mrs. Walker, Miss Reeves, Mrs. Belk and Mrs. Murphy.

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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. F. Andre, Crystal Springs.
(36 Clubs.)

THE loan collection of pictures sent out by the General Federation will be exhibited by the clubs of Vicksburg, Jackson and McComb this month. The Crescite Club, of McComb, will charge an admission of ten cents, and devote the proceeds to planting a hedge of California privet around the public school grounds. A musical program will be given in the evening.

THE ART DEPARTMENT of the State Fair was under the efficient management of Miss Bessie Lemley, state chairman of the Art Department, and president of the Art Study Club, Jackson. In writing of the Art Study Club, Miss Lemley says:

"The year book is in the hands of the members, and a very interesting course, based on Coffin's 'How to Look at Pictures,' is planned for. We are anticipating with eagerness the art exhibition at the State Fair, and the loan exhibit, to be held during November. A great grief has come to us, in the death of one of our members, Mrs. John Hartfield. We shall miss her enthusiasm and cheery presence among us, while our hearts go out to those who are nearer and more deeply bereaved."

ALL OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS for this year have been placed, largely through the assistance of Miss Emmie Power, of the I. I. & C. Institute.

The thanks of the federation are due Dr. I. W. Cooper, of Whitworth College, Brookhaven, and Dr. Raymond, of the Synodical College, Holly Springs, for offers of scholarships. Those knowing of needy and deserving girls will aid the Educational Committee by sending their names to Mrs. David Z. Cohn, chairman, Brookhaven, to be placed on the waiting list.

THE WOMAN'S CULTURE CLUB, of Hazelhurst, after two months' vacation, met in September and began a course of critical study, embracing three Shakesperian dramas, "Macbeth," "Merchant of Venice" and "Othello." On October 12th their first annual reception was held, at the residence of Mrs. D. M. Miller, in celebration of the club's fifth anniversary. The reports from their five traveling libraries are most encouraging, and they hope this year to add several libraries of well-selected books for the children of rural schools.

All the clubs of the town are planning for a bazaar, to be held in December, for the benefit of the town library.

Their officers for the year are: Miss Colie Covington, president, and Miss Olive Jones, secretary.

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Recording Secretary—Miss Sallie Simms Kirby, Goldsboro, N. C.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Rebecca Cheatham Watkins, Henderson, N. C.
(33 Clubs—1,000 Members.)

THE Department of Education wishes briefly to outline its plans for the year's work, and to invite all club women of the federation to co-operate with the department in its work. All serious work for public education, to be effective, must be founded upon knowledge of conditions. The department, therefore, will first seek to put the women of the state in touch with facts along the following lines, particularly with reference to rural school conditions, number of well-built school houses, general conditions of grounds and premises, play grounds, length of school term, registration and attendance, school libraries, overcrowding in the school, the teacher—supply and demand, manner of appointment, salary, conditions.

The department will ask for co-operation in bringing about reform along the following lines:

A maximum limitation of pupils to each teacher to forty in our city, particularly in the primary grades.

An increase in salaries, particularly among the women teachers, so that lectures, travel and other educational opportunities tending to raise their efficiency may not be debarred from them.

The lengthening of the school term in our rural schools.

The establishment of rural agricultural high schools.

Compulsory education laws which will in a large degree solve the problem of child labor, which is a definite work of the Federation.

Appointment of women on school boards.

Formation of mothers' clubs, whose work will bring about a closer union between home and school.

The federation has unlimited power in working out the educational problems of the state. The club woman represents the home, and if sympathetic relation can be established between these two factors, the home and the school, we cannot but move forward along educational lines. It was the writer's privilege recently to attend a meeting of primary teachers at Asheville, and the burden of discussion bore directly upon the lack of cordial sympathy and co-operation upon the part of parents and friends of the school.

MRS. F. L. STEVENS,
Chairman Educational Committee.

THE WOMEN'S EMBROIDERY CLUB, of Kernersville, is putting its main effort this winter toward raising funds for the purchase of a piano for the new graded school. To this end several entertainments have already been given, and a play is now being planned further to increase the funds.

At a meeting on August 2d, the club adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, under the dispensation of Divine Providence, the members of the Women's Embroidery Club are called upon to mourn the loss of their beloved friend, Mrs. Rephelius Kerner; be it:

Resolved, That we, the members of the club, express our profound sorrow for the death of our secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Rephelius Kerner.

Resolved, That Mrs. Kerner was our sincere friend, unswerving in loyalty of thought and action.

Resolved, That she was our dear sister in love and faithfulness.

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family our deep sympathy; their grief is our grief, and their affection is our affection.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Kerner's

family, and that they be embodied in today's report of the meeting of the Women's Embroidery Club.

AT A MEETING in Greensboro, October 8, 1907, the trustees of "The Stonewall Jackson Manual Training and Industrial School" completed the organization. Officers and standing committees were appointed to serve two years: Chairman, Mr. J. P. Cook, Concord; vice-chairman, Mr. J. H. Tucker, Asheville; secretary, Dr. H. A. Royster, Raleigh; treasurer, Mr. Caesar Cone, Greensboro.

Sites for location are now being offered, and propositions considered by the committees. Several thousand dollars have been offered, if located at certain towns.

The work before the trustees is a big one, but all the members are enthusiastic and nothing will dampen their earnestness. They expect the hearty co-operation of the good people of the state, to aid in starting off this institution on a substantial basis. It is a work that should and does appeal to the great heart of the state, and we trust men and women to respond liberally to the development of the plans of the trustees.

MRS. D. Y. COOPER,
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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Milo McNeal, Ormond.
(25 Clubs—1,100 Members.)

THE Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs was held in Gainesville, the seat of the State University, November 19-21, by invitation of the Twentieth Century Club. All sessions were held in the elegant assembly rooms of the Elks, which were beautifully and artistically decorated, showing colors of the federation and of the hostess club. The session Tuesday evening was opened with musical selection, well rendered and heartily applauded by the large audience of representative people of the city and delegates. A few well-chosen words by Mr. W. R. Thomas, mayor of the city, welcomed the delegates and gave them the keys to the city. Dr. W. F. Yocum, dean of the University of Florida, followed in words of welcome, and paid a high tribute to women and the work of women's clubs. The state president, Mrs. Clara W. Raynor, held the attention of the audience for an hour on General Federation topics, its aims, the scope of work and progress since its organization, in 1890. A pleasing musical selection closed the session.

The Board of Directors and Credential Committee held meetings Wednesday morning, and an address of welcome from Mrs. John W. Tench, president of the hostess club, was so cordial as to win every guest. Mrs. Arthur G. Cummer, of Jacksonville, in the unavoidable absence of the first vice-president, Mrs. F. M. Shackleford, of Tallahassee, most charmingly and graciously responded. Rev. T. P. Hay invoked God's blessing.

The Credential Committee reported six officers, five chairmen of departments and thirty-eight delegates present.

The reports of the officers told of the faithful performance of duty, and the treasurer reported a balance of \$100 in the treasury.

Mrs. C. B. Farrell read the report of *The Keystone*. Our clubs do not realize or appreciate how much help and inspiration we could get from this journal if we would only avail ourselves of it, and we earnestly ask our club members to subscribe at once.

In her report, as chairman of the State Board, Mrs. Clara W. Raynor gave a résumé of work accomplished during the year, which shows how capable, how energetically and enthusiastically she entered upon her duties as president of the federation.

The value and importance of *The Keystone*, our official organ, was brought to the attention of the delegates.

A petition, setting forth the necessity of a child labor law, was sent to Governor Broward. He sent a copy to each Senator and Representative, recommending the passage of such a bill.

The compulsory education bill was urged, and it has received its share of attention. Four traveling libraries have been sent out, going to places where most needed.

Three new clubs have been admitted into the federation during the year: Lawty, V. I. S., Mrs. Randall, president; Lake City, Woman's Club, Mrs. Frank Inis, president; Deland, Woman's Club, Mrs. W. H. Stewart, president.

The report of Mrs. E. A. Hill, chairman of Social Purity, urged mothers to teach the little ones from babyhood the pureness of thought and living.

In the absence of Mrs. E. K. Anderson, chairman of Bird Protection, the report was read by Mrs. H. C. Stevens, of High Spring. The report showed activity in that department.

The session Wednesday evening was devoted to a beautifully arranged musical program, showing how rich Gainesville is in musical talent. After the musical numbers, Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, of Charleston, S. C., ex-corresponding secretary of the General Federation, in a well-trained, modulated voice, spoke on "Club Ideals and Ethics." This address was most enjoyable and instructive, and I trust all club women will keep her ideals before them.

Thursday morning was given up to reports of the various departments and the reading of club reports. These club reports showed wonderful activity in civic work, and the club of Orange City reported the election of a woman on their school board, through the direct influence of the club women.

The following clubs sent reports, but were not represented: Crescent City V. I. A., Cocoa Public Library Association, Cocanut Grove, Housekeepers' Club, Lake Como V. I. A., Fort Myers Woman's Club, Titusville Woman's Club, Arcadia, Friday Musical Club and Tarpon Springs Cycadia Community Association.

Mrs. Arthur B. Vance, of Jacksonville, reported the main work of the Art Department had been the arranging of the tour of the art loan collection, sent out by the General Federation. It was late in the season when the first loan arrived; a second one was started later. All clubs desiring the loan must send in applications at once. The time is one day for clubs and then it must go to the next town.

In the absence of Mrs. T. M. Shackleford, of Tallahassee, the forestry report was read by the corresponding secretary, Mrs. McNeal. Much valuable information was given in the report on the question and a plea that every community care

for and protect its trees. This report aroused animated discussion in regard to the pine tree and its reproduction.

In the absence of Mrs. A. Brady, of Titusville, the report on library extension was read by the corresponding secretary. The report showed an increasing interest in this department. Four traveling libraries have been started, but the clubs receiving them must pay transportation from the last stopping place. There is a great demand for more of these libraries, and the clubs are urged to contribute new books.

The report on civics was read by Miss Kathryn Thorp, chairman. Many valuable suggestions were given for plans and work.

Mrs. E. G. G. Munsell, of Green Cove Springs, chairman of Educational and Industrial Committee, reported untiring work in her department. The Woman's Club scholarship, of a two years' course of kindergarten training in the college at Tallahassee, \$100 annually, was awarded to Miss Robin Graham, of Tampa. It is to be regretted that she lacks \$75 of making up the \$200 required for the two years, some of the clubs having not yet sent in their second year's contribution.

The following delegates to the Boston biennial were elected by ballot: Mrs. C. J. Huber, Tampa; Mrs. Chas. A. Cay, Tallahassee; Mrs. R. F. Adams, Palatka. The alternates were: Mrs. T. M. Shackleford, Tallahassee; Dr. Frances Dickinson, Orange City; Mrs. J. W. Tench, Gainesville; Mrs. E. K. Anderson, High Springs. Mrs. C. W. Raynor, State President, and Mrs. Kirk Monroe, Federation Secretary, are delegates *ex-officio*.

Thursday evening's session opened with the report of Mrs. C. J. Huber, chairman of the Child Labor Committee. Earnestly and emphatically did Mrs. Huber present the need of such a law in Florida.

The address by Dr. A. J. McKelway, assistant secretary of the National Child Labor Committee, reviewed in a brief way the growth of public sentiment on this, the labor of young children—the evil that would come to the country if it were not prevented, and the value of a child commercially as a future citizen was shown in a clear, practical way.

After this address the federation endorsed the bill presented by the Florida Federation of Labor, providing for a bureau of statistics which shall cause the registration of all births and deaths, and a census of the trades, also providing for factory inspection with a woman for factories or workshops where women or children are employed; the convention also endorsed the Federation of Labor's bill providing that the hours of work of women be reduced to not more than ten hours in one day, and that under no circumstances shall women be allowed to work after 9 o'clock P. M.

The president called on Miss Poppenheim to explain the English scholarship plan which is being urged by the General Federation and the Society of American Women in London. Miss Poppenheim, as an honorary member, is in touch with the plan, and gave a clear presentation of the subject, and made a strong plea for Florida to raise her quota of \$100—by voluntary subscription.

After the reading of the resolutions of thanks to the various local committees, the convention sang "America," and

thus closed the thirteenth annual meeting of the Florida Federation.

The Board of Directors held a meeting at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning, at which time the details of the kindergarten scholarship were discussed and arranged for. The suggestions as to work for the federation, sent by Dr. Sledd, of the Florida University, were also discussed, and the president authorized to answer Dr. Sledd's letter.

The social side of the convention was delightful, and Gainesville proved herself an ideal hostess. The beautiful reception given by the Twentieth Century Club on Wednesday afternoon was a brilliant function. The state officers, Mrs. Davis, vice-president of local club (in absence of Mrs. Tench), and Miss Poppenheim were in the receiving line, and from 4 to 6 the parlors of the Elks' Hall were filled with beautifully gowned women, enjoying the pleasures of social intercourse, while delicious salads, tea, chocolate, coffee and punch were being served by the gracious hostesses.

The Gainesville club women, on Friday morning, also tendered the visiting club women a beautiful drive around the interesting city, and a visit to the new State University grounds and buildings.

The sessions of the convention were most harmonious and every matter settled in a strictly business manner. Club women of Florida can feel that the Gainesville meeting, although the thirteenth, will ever stand out as a most successful meeting, marking definite work accomplished, and they will ever remember the gracious hospitality of the Twentieth Century Club, of Gainesville.

MRS. C. B. FARRELL.

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for Virginia to Miss Elizabeth Gish, Lynchburg, Va., Corresponding Secretary Virginia F. W. C., Manager.

President—Mrs. James R. Kyle, Lynchburg.

Recording Secretary—Miss Bessie Conrad, Winchester.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Gish, Lynchburg.

Treasurer—Mrs. E. S. Ledbeater, Alexandria.

(10 Clubs—500 Members.)

THE subject of a pure milk supply so interestingly presented in the November *Keystone* is one of vital importance to every home. The request of the Pure Food Committee for a general study of this necessity should be acquiesced in by every woman in the United States. It is not easy to secure model conditions in dairying; but they should at least be earnestly striven for. One of the first steps toward a pure milk supply is to secure an inspector; dairies, markets and all places for sale and preparation of food supplies ought to have women inspectors. If things are in order, a man doesn't see dirt! Two years ago the Civic Circle of the Lynchburg Woman's Club asked their council for a milk inspector, and their petition was readily granted. Recently this circle has agitated, in most able fashion, the question of a sanitary market. The men at first seemed surprised, believing, as they did, that the women of the town cared not at all for a market. When the question, "Do you want an up-to-date market?" was put to women in all walks of life, there was unanimity of opinion as to the necessity for a good market. The council is now investigating and making plans for such a market, and it goes without saying that the petition will be granted. Let other clubs

take notice and ask for what they feel is a public need, and they will usually win the hearty support of town authorities.

THE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB, of Danville, is one of the strongest and oldest clubs in the Virginia Federation. This club has been steadily growing out of the "egoistic self-cultural, to the altruistic ideal." It was largely through the influence and agitation of its members that a new high school was gotten for Danville. The latest efforts have been directed toward securing a public library. Their plan is to open a library when a thousand dollars has been raised. The Wednesday Afternoon Club has gotten a third of this sum pledged by private subscription; it will give another third—toward which amount they have in hand nearly two hundred dollars—and they hope, with reasonable expectation of success, that the town council will appropriate the last third. The committee of the club will now push this matter to a finish. Why can't other Virginia clubs do likewise?

THE ROANOKE CITY BETTERMENT CLUB opened on November 12, the Southwest Virginia Fall Festival, a ten-day entertainment, to raise quite a sum of money for the furtherance of some cherished, though secret, scheme—rumor says it is for a library. The skating rink, where the festival is being held, has been transformed into a bazaar of the nations. Its beautiful decorative details were worked out under the direction of Mrs. R. Taylor Gleaves, whose artistic and executive abilities have gained for her the appointment as chairman of the Art Committee in the Virginia Federation. Roanoke, with its usual cordial and loyal spirit, has helped the women in every way, and the success of their venture is practically assured.

NOVEMBER 29TH will be Federation Day with the Lynchburg Woman's Club, on which occasion the address by the president of the Virginia Federation will be the principal feature.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

President—Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, 1550 Sherman Ave., Denver, Col.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Charles Perkins, 1547 Clinch Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR! A glance backward for encouragement and a look ahead for cheer. Never has the General Federation of Women's Clubs had more cause for joyful celebration than in this year of 1907. Never has there prevailed a greater spirit of harmony. Not the semblance of a cloud has arisen to distract from the fine steady march in good work. Never has legislation been so effective and satisfactory in the respective states. Never has there been a better realization of the great principle that study is only the foundation, and that the certain obligation following is the building of the structure, the putting of beauty, of happiness, of justice, of regeneration into the world. And so a Merry Christmas, a Happy Christmas, and a Laughing Christmas to each and every one—a Christmas which shall make a multitude rejoice in the fact that we have life.

For the New Year? It is ours to believe in the federation and its aims, to look upon the club as a part of our life, to give it a distinct place, exactly as we do the family, the

church and the social duty. Its mission is great and indispensable for the women of this generation, if they wish properly to face the responsibilities so surely and rapidly coming upon them. It teaches industry, it teaches courage and faith and happiness. It makes life interesting and vivid, and it is creating a mighty army of citizen soldiers, peacefully warring to build and keep a republic—a republic which shall be great, not only in material progress, but in the glory of intellect, of justice, of liberty and of love.

A happy and a great New Year!

With ever-abiding belief and affection,

SARAH S. PLATT DECKER.

THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE. Suggestions for general reading.

[As provided for in the plan of the Literature Committee.]

I would recommend as a list of books to be read in connection with fiction:

Aunt Jane of Kentucky.—By Eliza Calvert Hall. Stories of Kentucky rural life, told by a dear old lady. This is the book so strongly recommended by President Roosevelt on account of the first story, "Sally Ann's Experience," in which she points out some of men's injustice to women. (Boston; Little, Brown & Co.)

The Lady of the Decoration.—By "Frances Little." Letters home from a young woman missionary teacher in Japan. Full of the most delicate humor and genuine human feeling; one of the most charming and wholesome little books published in years. (New York; The Century Co.)

The Fruit of the Tree.—By Edith Wharton. Doubtless the greatest novel of the year. The author of "The House of Mirth" enters a new field, discussing the relations of employer and employee and the question of whether a doomed life should be artificially prolonged through terrible suffering, or mercifully allowed to end. Mrs. Wharton never writes without a purpose. (New York; Charles Scribner's Sons.)

The Helpmate.—By May Sinclair, author of "The Divine Fire." A novel that discusses vital questions boldly, and yet with artistic refinement. (New York; Henry Holt & Co.)

Partners of Providence.—By Charles D. Stewart. With many excellent illustrations. A boy tells the story of life on the Mississippi and Missouri, steamboating. A piece of real literature and a picture of an interesting phase of American life that is passing. (New York; The Century Co.)

EMILIE BLACKMORE STAFF,
Member Literature Committee.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

President—Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone, Galveston, Texas.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. R. C. Cooley, Jacksonville, Fla.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. A. L. Dowdell, Opelika, Ala.
Treasurer—Mrs. L. Eustace Williams, P. O. Box 55, Anchorage, Ky.
Custodian of Cross—Mrs. L. H. Raines, 408 Duffy Street E., Savannah, Ga.
(Up-to-date Notes.)

THE Fourteenth Annual Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was held in Norfolk, Va., November 13th-16th. The opening exercises took place on Wednesday morning, November 13th, in the Auditorium Building, in the exposition grounds, and were largely attended. Addresses of welcome were made by Mr. St. George Tucker, president of the Jamestown Exposition; Admiral Harrington, of the United States navy; Mrs. James Y. Leigh, president of the hostess chapter, the Pickett-Buchanan, of Norfolk, and Mrs. W. R. McKenney, president of the Virginia Division, U. D. C. The response was made by Mrs. Lizzie George Henderson, of Mississippi, president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Enthusiasm was increased in these interesting exercises by the music furnished by the exposition band and the spirited singing of the Confederate choirs of Norfolk and Portsmouth, composed of young women uniformed in Confederate

gray coats and hats. "Dixie" and "Maryland," rendered as solos, were especially encored. At the close of these exercises delegates were given their badges and a complimentary performance of the spectacular production of the engagement between the Monitor and the Merrimac on the warpath, was tendered the entire convention. In the afternoon the Virginia Division was "at home" to the U. D. C. at "Beauvoir," their splendid headquarters at the exposition, and music and delightful refreshments made the time pass all too quickly. This social function closed the exercises on the exposition grounds.

The business sessions of the convention were held in the assembly room, Odd Fellows Hall, in Norfolk. The attendance at this meeting was unusually large. By roll call of states it was found that twenty-three states, with 276 delegates, of whom seventeen were division presidents, were represented on the floor of the convention, and by the Credentials Committee's report the voting strength of the convention was 1,358, Tennessee heading the list with 156 votes, Virginia 150, Kentucky 96, South Carolina and Texas 91, Georgia 88, Mississippi 81, North Carolina 75, Florida 35, etc., while Mexico City had one delegate on the floor who had been traveling two weeks to meet with her sister U. D. C's. and bring them the message from "the only foreign chapter" of the U. D. Cs.

The president's address covered all the decisions she had made for chapters during the year, twenty-eight in all, and were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, Mrs. McClurg, Mississippi; Mrs. Dibrell, Texas, and Miss Poppenheim, South Carolina. The president recommended that steps be taken to secure for the organization the patent for the U. D. C. badge now owned by Theus Brothers, Savannah, Ga., and also the patent for the Cross of Honor. She also advised the organization to have made for itself a president's badge or insignia of office, which would be the property of the association and worn by successive presidents.

These recommendations were referred to the following committee: Mrs. Tate, Virginia; Mrs. Faison, North Carolina; Mrs. Phillips, Alabama.

The recording secretary's report showed that 2,500 copies of the Gulfport minutes had been distributed; that 1,110 chapters were on the present roll of the U. D. C., and had been sent credentials. During the past year 80 new chapters had been chartered; 2,215 certificates of membership issued; 41,000 blanks for Crosses of Honor sent out; 3,200 letters and postals written and 5,000 received. Mrs. Dowdell drew attention to the fact that the U. D. C. did not own a complete file of its minutes and requested that some of the pioneer members assist the association by looking up copies of the minutes of the two early conventions and donate them to the official records.

Mrs. Williams, of Kentucky, the treasurer, made a full report, in which she showed that the receipts were \$6,073, the expenses of the year \$3,733, and there was a balance in the treasury of \$2,339. The per capita tax, as paid by the states, was as follows: Virginia \$508, Texas \$429, Georgia \$365, Tennessee \$305, North Carolina \$303, Kentucky \$254, South Carolina \$220, Mississippi \$138, Florida \$103, etc.

The custodian of the Cross of Honor, Mrs. Raines, of Georgia, reported 6,300 crosses distributed during the year,

and of these 329 were given as *second* crosses to vetrans and 120 were given to descendants. The book for keeping these records was shown, and is a model of neatness and careful clerical compiling. All the crosses given this year were recorded in this book according to the system used through the state recorders. The custodian was empowered to secure clerical help and put in order all the back records of the custodian's office, which are now stored away in irregular form in packing boxes. State recorders are collecting back lists, and with both offices working it is hoped that soon the entire records of all crosses bestowed may be in accessible form. The Committee on the Rules for Crosses of Honor, in making their report, explained the rules carefully and it was finally decided by the convention that the U. D. C. would stop bestowing the Crosses of Honor on November 1st, 1915, thus putting a time limit to the task which would enable all living veterans to have an opportunity to apply for the cross. In future chapters after having complied with the publication rule of three months' notice in the city and county papers, once having begun the bestowal on descendants, may continue to do so without further publication, and may give crosses to veterans and descendants at the same bestowal, provided a voucher from the state recorder shows that the publication notice has been complied with. The custodian's rulings in Cross of Honor rules are final, and state recorders must abide by her rulings, provided they do not conflict with "the rules for bestowal." It was also decided that unclaimed and unmarked crosses held by a chapter may be used by that chapter for other veterans provided the chapter sends the names of those veterans *not claiming their crosses* to the state recorder for file. If the crosses, however, have been *marked* and are unclaimed, they must be returned to the custodian, and she will keep them. The revised constitution as printed and sent to chapters was not acted on at this convention, and so the constitution remains as it was. Several new by-laws were adopted, however, which distributed the duties of the recording and corresponding secretaries more evenly. In fyture the corresponding secretary will issue and receive all credentials and notices in connection with the U. D. C. Convention. She will also prepare the rosters of chapters to be printed in the minutes, and it has been suggested that more complete and up to date rosters can be secured if each state division corresponding secretary would collect and correct their state chapter rosters and send them, as a whole, to the U. D. C. corresponding secretary. This carries out the idea of the perfection of a state plan of organization and will give a state officer an opportunity to keep track of how these rosters are returned to the U. D. C. Often printed matter is lost because old rosters must be used in making up the official rosters. Divisions and chapters are reminded that these rosters must be in the hands of the corresponding secretary by January 1st, 1908, to be printed in the minutes of the Norfolk Convention.

The Shiloh monument is one of the most important works of the U. D. C. today. This committee's report came early in the convention and showed that already they had three thousand dollars in sight. Mrs. White, of Tennessee, made a most stirring appeal for a monument at Shiloh, where ten thousand Confederates fell and where four thousand of these

brave men were buried in one trench. One hundred Northern monuments, representing over two hundred thousand dollars expended, commemorate the thirteen thousand Union dead, and two small state monuments, one erected by Tennessee and one by Alabama, are the only Confederate markers on that great battlefield. Voluntary contributions and pledges were called for, and \$1,000 was pledged from the floor for Shiloh. Later on the U. D. C. treasury gave \$300 for this year's contribution to this fund. The Shiloh Monument Committee was made one with a permanent personnel, each state being represented on it, any vacancy being filled by appointment from the state itself. A central committee, consisting of the members from Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky, Georgia and Alabama was decided upon, and a board of officers elected from this central committee, as follows: Chairman, Mrs. A. B. White, Tennessee; vice-chairman, Mrs. J. G. Henderson, Mississippi; secretary, Mrs. Harvey Jones, Alabama; treasurer, Mrs. Roy McKinney, Kentucky. State members are requested to make collections in their respective states and to forward, at regular intervals, to the Shiloh monument treasurer, Mrs. Roy McKinney, Paducah, Ky. This committee invites correspondence on the subject of ways and means to raise funds for this monument in the shortest possible time and the sum of \$50,000 has been set as the smallest amount necessary for the U. D. C. Shiloh monument.

The Davis Monument Committee reported their work completed, with the exception of a few details about the surroundings of the monument, and recommended that the monument be turned over to the city of Richmond, Va. The financial report showed the following: Paid to Mr. Noland, the architect, \$49,484; paid to Mr. Valentine, the sculptor, \$20,000; total expended on monument, \$69,484; balance on hand, \$5,200. Of this amount \$20,600 had been raised by the veterans before they turned the monument over to the U. D. C. From state reports it was shown that the U. D. C. had raised over fifty-two thousand dollars for the monument. The list of some of the state collections was as follows: Virginia, \$4,055; North Carolina, \$2,951; Texas, \$1,996; South Carolina, \$1,920. The committee reported informally that a fence and some standards were yet to be provided for the further embellishment and protection of the monument before it would be turned over to the city of Richmond, and that when these additions had been paid for a surplus of about seven or eight hundred dollars would remain. Mrs. W. J. Behan, of Louisiana, spoke of the New Orleans monument to Jefferson Davis, which was being planned for by the Jefferson Davis Memorial Association; about fifteen hundred dollars were in hand, and it was proposed to lay the corner-stone of this monument on June 3d, 1908, the centennial of Mr. Davis' birth. The convention decided to turn over to this association whatever balance was left from the Davis monument at its completion, since the fund was raised to honor Mr. Davis, and this monument was the only one under construction in his honor now and would be placed in the city where he died.

Col. Hiliary Herbert, of Washington, came before the convention and made a plea that the U. D. C. should take over the matter of building a Confederate monument at Arlington Cemetery. This work has been begun by the Arlington Monument Association in conjunction with the

U. D. C. and other Confederate organizations in the District of Columbia. Funds have been collected for the past two or three years, but the local conditions required that the U. D. C. take charge of the work in order that it might be pushed to a speedy conclusion. After much discussion, it was finally decided that the U. D. C. accept the responsibility of building the monument at Arlington if the entire matter be turned over to their management without any conditions or restrictions. A committee, composed of Mrs. Smythe, South Carolina; Mrs. Randolph, Virginia, and Mrs. Walsh, District of Columbia, was appointed to draft some plan by which this undertaking might be launched. This committee advised a permanent committee, with a central local committee, on the lines of the Davis and Shiloh Monument Committees, and this plan was accepted, each state being requested to name a member of the committee and a central committee from the Confederate organization in the District of Columbia, which, with these state members, will have charge of this important work. The U. D. C., from its treasury, contributed \$300 this year to the Arlington monument.

Miss West, of Texas, in a beautiful tribute to Mrs. Davis, reported on the memorial window to be placed in the Church of the Redeemer, at Biloxi, Miss. The subject selected for the window is, "Christ in the home of Martha and Mary," and the cost of the window was six hundred dollars.

The plea for the preservation of the old home of Stonewall Jackson as a memorial hospital was made by Miss Pendleton, of Virginia, and \$50 from the U. D. C. treasury was donated to its endowment fund.

The Beauregard monument, being worked for in New Orleans, was also brought to the attention of the convention, and the U. D. C. contributed \$100 from its general treasury for this fund.

Mrs. Alexander, of Virginia, gave a most interesting account of the unveiling of the monument at Bull Run, which she had worked for so faithfully and for which contributions had been given by many chapters and divisions. The unveiling took place during the military manoeuvres at Manassas and some of the military there assisted with their presence and a band.

The Historical Souvenir Committee's report was made by Mrs. Lyon, of Virginia, in the absence of Mrs. Cantrill, of Kentucky, who was detained at home on account of illness. This committee is working out plans for the historical china and will be continued this coming year.

The report on the \$100 prize offered for the essay at Columbia University, New York, was made by Mrs. Schuyler. The prize was won this year by a Mr. Coleman, a Canadian, the subject being, "Education in the South Prior to the War." Miss Prentiss, a Southern girl, came second in the contest. So excellent was her essay on "Anti-Slavery Sentiment in Virginia," that it was suggested that the prize be divided between Mr. Coleman and herself, but this was not done. Ten or twelve essays were submitted for the contest and the committee advised an endowment for this prize so that it might be a permanent memorial to the U. D. C. work for historical study at Columbia University. The funds in the treasury did not warrant the beginning of an endowment this year, but \$100 was again appropriated for this prize for 1908.

Mrs. Schuyler then stated that she was authorized to offer the U. D. C. a scholarship of free tuition in Teachers' College, Columbia University, for the years 1908 and 1909, and she suggested that if the scholarship be accepted the U. D. C., by voluntary subscription, raise \$350 to defray the expenses of the scholarship boy or girl in New York city. The scholarship was accepted, and for five minutes contributions from divisions, chapters and individuals raised the \$350 asked for. A committee to arrange for the assignment of the scholarship and rules governing it, consisting of Mrs. Schuyler, New York; Mrs. Dibrell, Texas, and Miss Rutherford, Georgia, was appointed. These ladies arranged for the assignment to a state by lot, and in the drawing of lots South Carolina won the scholarship for the coming year.

The U. D. C. were asked, and granted, their endorsement to a movement to petition Congress to make some provision for the erection of a monument to Matthew F. Maury, "the pathfinder of the sea."

Resolutions were passed putting the U. D. C. on record in all their official printing and circulars as officially using the term "War Between the States" as a cognomen for the great struggle of 1861-65, and "Memorial Day" in place of "Decoration Day" for such occasions.

The following resolutions, introduced by Mrs. Daisy McLaurin Stevens, of Mississippi, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, nineteen hundred and eight will be the centennial year of the birth of Jefferson Davis, who commanded the First Mississippi Regiment when the regiment was brilliantly successful at Monterey, and carried the day for the United States army at Buena Vista; who served the United States with unexampled efficiency as Secretary of War under President Pierce, who represented the sovereign State of Mississippi most ably and patriotically in the United States Senate, and who was the one and only President of the Southern Confederacy; therefore, be it resolved:

First. That the general convention, United Daughters of the Confederacy, in session at Norfolk, Va., November, 1907, hereby most earnestly requests all presidents of universities and colleges, superintendents of public education and principals of schools, to introduce the supplementary study of the life of Jefferson Davis into the respective schools under their charge during the year 1908. We ask the use of the following named works, in whole or in part, as necessary to a correct understanding of his character, viz: "The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government," by Jefferson Davis; "Mrs. Davis' Memoirs," "A Friend's Life of Jefferson Davis," "Prison Life of Jefferson Davis," by Dr. J. J. Craven, and the "Memorial Volume of Jefferson Davis," by J. William Jones.

Second. That all ministers of religion are especially invited to the study of the religious life of Mr. Davis, that his pious example may appear for the edification of those under their care and influence.

Third. That this chapter does agree to present a gavel, made of Beauvoir wood, with silver name plate, to each literary club or society which shall be organized during the year 1908, provided, that each society or club shall be named for Jefferson Davis, any member of his family, or either of his homes, Brierfield or Beauvoir.

Fourth. That the president is herein requested to appoint efficient committees to carry these provisions into effect by bringing them to the attention of those to whom they are addressed.

Mrs. Enders Robertson, the historian of the Confederate Museum, in Richmond, Va., gave a most interesting report of the work for this "White House of the Confederacy," and called upon the U. D. C. to take a greater interest in their respective state rooms in this Museum. A meeting was called later on of state division presidents and state regents of this Museum and plans were discussed by which a closer bond might exist between the various U. D. C. organizations and this great treasure house of Confederate relics and historical manuscript. The report showed over five thousand manuscripts in the possession of this association, all being on the history of the Confederacy.

The Historical Committee made its report through Mrs. Arthur Johnson, of the District of Columbia. This report

was an earnest plea for this most important department of the U. D. C. work, and stressed and urged a greater interest and study in connection with Southern literature and great Southern authors of the past and present. Miss Rutherford, of Georgia, another member of the committee, made an extempore plea for a greater pride in and study of local history in each state.

The following officers were unanimously elected to serve for 1908:

President, Mrs. Cornelia B. Stone, Texas; first vice-president, Mrs. Martin Willard, North Carolina; second vice-president, Mrs. Neilson Poe, Maryland; recording secretary, Mrs. A. L. Dowdell, Alabama (re-elected); corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. C. Cooley, Florida; treasurer, Mrs. L. Eustace Williams, Kentucky (re-elected); custodian Cross of Honor, Mrs. L. H. Raines, Georgia (re-elected); custodian of flags and pennants, Mrs. F. Anthony Walke, Virginia.

Mrs. Sarah D. Eggleston, of Mississippi, was elected an honorary president of the association.

By invitation of the Atlanta Chapter and local officials, the convention of 1908 will meet in Atlanta, Ga.

The state reports as usual were most valuable and gave very clearly the sum total of the great work of the U. D. C. all over the United States. Seventeen division presidents reported in person for their states, as follows: Arkansas, Mrs. O. Halliburton; District of Columbia, Mrs. Ralph Walsh; Florida, Mrs. Sheldon Stringer; Georgia, Miss Alice Baxter; Indian Territory, Mrs. Z. J. Woods; Kentucky, Mrs. Roy W. McKinney; Louisiana, Miss Mattie McGrath; Maryland, Mrs. F. G. Odenheimer; Mississippi, Mrs. Daisy McL. Stevens; Missouri, Mrs. J. B. Gantt; North Carolina, Mrs. I. W. Faison; Ohio, Mrs. Thos. Worcester; South Carolina, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim; Tennessee, Mrs. M. B. Pilcher; Texas, Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell; Virginia, Mrs. W. R. McKenney; West Virginia, Mrs. V. F. McSherry. The other state reports were read by some members of their delegation and they all covered wide fields of usefulness. The educational feature of the work is taking strong hold in all states, and next to monument building it seems to be the most popular work. Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee each reported from one to five scholarships supported by their state U. D. C. The historical work is especially stressed and literary sessions at state conventions are reported by the following states: Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia. Besides this historical and educational work, special note was made of the following state reports:

Alabama reported, as of special interest, that their Legislature had appropriated \$25,000 annually for monuments, subject to the condition of the state treasury.

Georgia stressed the completion of its fund for the Wirtz monument, which will be unveiled in Andersonville, Ga., on June 3d, 1908, the centennial of Mr. Davis' birth; a dormitory at Rabun Gay School also engages their energies this year.

Indian Territory is doing civic work and they brought a request that time might be given the Oklahoma and Indian Territory Divisions to perfect their own union as soon as the question of statehood for Oklahoma should be settled. These two divisions were given until the 1908 convention to complete their plans for a consolidation, as two divisions cannot legally exist in one state.

Kentucky reported three new chapters, nearly \$4,000 dollars collected on their Morgan monument and interest in mountain schools.

Mississippi reported two new chapters.

North Carolina made a clever report on the important and valuable contributions that "the Old North State" had made to American history. It was an answer to the plea for more pride and interest in local history.

South Carolina reported four new chapters, three local monuments unveiled, eleven gold medals given the public schools of the state.

Tennessee reported thirteen new chapters and a U. D. C. Day at Mont Eagle established.

Texas reported seventeen new chapters and its Confederate Woman's Home completed.

Virginia's work for the year was the erection and maintenance of "Beauvoir" at the Jamestown Exposition. She also recorded seven new chapters this year.

The personnel of the convention was one of the most interesting of its features. All of the officers were present, with the exception of the two vice-presidents, whose absence was much regretted, as both are most helpful and active in all U. D. C. endeavors.

The *Social Features* of the Norfolk Convention, besides the reception at "Beauvoir," already mentioned, were a beautiful reception on Thursday night, at the Woman's Club, when the Pickett-Buchanan Chapter received the U. D. C. Delightful refreshments were served and good music made the time pass all too quickly. The noon luncheons in the Odd Fellows Hall added much to the pleasure and comfort of the convention and were a part of the generous hospitality offered the U. D. C. by the entertaining chapter.

The courteous hostesses and the "good cheer" provided, together with the chance for friendly converse, made the interval between the morning and the afternoon sessions a delightful hour.

The general attendance at the convention was excellent, business was dispatched with much interest and enthusiasm and the entire body seemed more willing than ever before to push forward, with energy and good will, along its various lines of work.

The U. D. C. has become established on a firm and strong foundation as a part of the social, educational, historical and benevolent life of America, and each year is developing out into a well poised and earnest body of efficient and capable women. It directs the thoughts and energies of Southern womanhood, wherever found, along broad and patriotic lines and is a meeting place for the highest and best womanhood of the South.

M. B. P.

"The Santa Claus Club," by L. J. Bridgman, is a fascinating story, in verse, about a Christmas tree and the members of a Santa Claus club, especially suited to small children. The type is very large and each page begins with a large red capital, and every alternate page is a bright, highly colored picture illustrating the verses. The club takes in all kinds of animals, as well as real people, and all of the familiar characters in "Mother Goose." This book is recommended to any one thinking of a Christmas book for a little tot.

(Cloth. H. M. Caldwell Company, New York and Boston.)

THE KEYSTONE: Enclosed is 50 cents, to renew my subscription to *The Keystone*. It is a very small price to pay for the great pleasure I derive from its columns, which keep me in touch with many club friends, old and new.

(Mrs. St. J. ALISON) RUTH JENNINGS LAWTON.
James Island, S. C., November 15th 1907.

NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

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Recorder of Crosses—Mrs. W. H. Overman, Salisbury.
(75 Chapters—2,800 Members.)

THE North Carolina Daughters of the Confederacy are making the education of veterans' children their chief work for the coming year. The western section now has two girls at the State Normal. The Charlotte chapter has one at the Presbyterian College. Other chapters are doing similar work. The success of the George Davis memorial is assured; and no work of the organization is more important than the memorial to the Attorney General of the Confederate States, the intimate friend and confidential adviser of the President in the arduous work of his office. The North Carolina Daughters have, for the past three years, been raising a fund for the purpose of erecting a "Memorial Arch" as an entrance to the Confederate Cemetery at Raleigh. The idea of this gateway was conceived by Mrs. E. E. Moffitt, one of our most active and enthusiastic workers. At each state convention she has presented the subject to the Daughters, keeping them informed in regard to the progress of the work, in which she has on every opportunity used her influence to promote this object. The convention resolved that a memorial arch be erected, consisting of stones, on which the names of the chapters contributing be inscribed, each chapter subscribing at least twenty dollars. The chapters are responding promptly, and several hundred dollars are already in bank for this fund. Mrs. Moffitt, always on the *qui vive* in the interests of the great design, was attracted by the beautiful exhibit of the Balfour Quarry Company, of Salisbury, N. C., and she communicated her plans to Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist, who is interested in this quarry, and through his kind influence the company offered to make a contribution to the object in view by furnishing two-thirds of the value of a pedestrian gateway, to flank the central arch, Dr. Pratt most generously contributing the other third, the same to be identical with the pink granite pedestrian archway which is now one of the entrances to the North Carolina memorial exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition. This, in addition to eighteen feet of stone balustrade, a most generous and magnificent gift, and one highly appreciated by the North Carolina Daughters of the Confederacy, was made known during the session of the State Convention in Greensboro in October last. At the same time it was resolved by the convention that another pedestrian arch, corresponding with the first, for the other side of the central gateway, should be purchased from the Balfour Company for the purpose. The completed design is to be submitted to the next convention for suggestions and approval. This gateway will be a lasting memorial, not only to the honored dead from the Soldiers' Home and of thirteen Southern States, but to the untiring zeal of the North Carolina Daughters of the Confederacy.

MRS. H. DE B. WILLS.

SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.

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Recorder of Crosses—Mrs. Thos. W. Keitt, Clemson College.
(60 Chapters—2,400 Members.)

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the South Carolina Division, U. D. C., will be held in Chester, S. C., December 3d-6th, inclusive. Delegates will be entertained in the homes of Chester. The outline of the program for this convention was printed in the November *Keystone*. A full report of the meeting will appear in the January *Keystone*.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA DELEGATION to the Norfolk Convention, U. D. C., consisted of the state president, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim; Mrs. A. T. Smythe, Miss S. A. Smythe, Charleston; Mrs. Reed Stoney, first vice-president, Mrs. F. D. Kendall, Mrs. T. B. Legare, Columbia; Mrs. J. L. McWhirter, Miss Anna Hames, Jonesville; Mrs. P. A. McDavid, Mrs. John J. McSwain, Greenville; Mrs. Mary E. Seigler, Mrs. A. M. Torbit, Aiken; Miss Travis Stanley, Marion. The majority of these ladies stopped at the Atlantic Hotel, the U. D. C. headquarters, and were most interested in the sessions of the convention. South Carolina cast 91 votes at this meeting, the largest the division has ever cast.

Seventeen chapters failed to make out their credentials properly or to send them on time, as directed in the printed circular enclosed with the credentials, or to make the chairman of the South Carolina delegation their proxy, and by one or another of these oversights on the part of these chapters the division lost 23 votes.

The division president's report showed a membership in this division of 60 chapters, four new ones being added in 1907, with an aggregate membership of 110 charter members. Three hundred and eight certificates had been signed and issued to 19 chapters during the year. Thirty chapters had completed their records with the state registrar and 708 Crosses of Honor had been given out in the division during the year. Back lists of Crosses of Honor bestowed showed records filed of two thousand Crosses bestowed in previous years.

The scholarship fund had been raised to \$138 this year, through contributions from 14 chapters and two individuals. Eleven chapters gave gold medals for prize essays from school children. The two portraits for the state capitol, in charge of the first vice-president, had been secured and are ready for presentation. Eleven chapters and the division sent floral tributes for the unveiling of the Davis monument; ten chapters sent laurel wreaths to the biers of local Confederate veterans; \$143 was raised by 27 chapters for Shiloh monument; over \$75 was sent for the Arlington monument; three local monuments had been unveiled during the year, and eight chapters are still working on their monument fund. Fifteen chapters reported work of placing head-

stones for Confederate veterans graves in and about town limits; two chapters report a chapter room for meetings. All memorial days, and especially the Lee Centennial, were suitably observed by all chapters. Forty-five chapters sent annual reports to the president, in response to her postal card request for these reports, and from these reports the general report was made up. The president expresses her grateful appreciation to those chapters who responded promptly, as it enabled her to make a systematic, classified and accurate report of the chapter work in South Carolina.

MARY B. POPPENHEIM.

THE RIDGE SPRINGS CHAPTER, U. D. C., Ridge Springs, S. C., was chartered on October 24th, 1907, with a charter membership of thirty-four. Its officers are: President, Miss M. E. Carlisle; vice-president, Miss C. D. Watson; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. S. P. Carson; historian, Mrs. James Boatwright; gleaner, Mrs. R. B. Watson. The South Carolina Division welcomes this lusty young chapter into its midst, and it is hoped that they will have a representative at the Chester Convention, to whom may be extended the personal welcome from every individual chapter in South Carolina.

VIRGINIA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

This department is official, and will be continued monthly. Address all communications for Virginia to Miss Nellie Preston, Seven Mile Ford, Va., Manager for Virginia Division, U. D. C.

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Fifth Honorary President—Mrs. J. E. B. Stuart, Norfolk, Va.
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Recorder of Crosses—Mrs. James E. Alexander, Alexandria, Va.
Custodian—Mrs. J. E. Timberlake, Atlee, Va.
(103 Chapters. 5,000 Members.)

THE 13th annual convention of the Virginia Division, U. D. C., was held in New York, November 6th to 9th. The opening exercises were held in the Auditorium Building at the Jamestown Exposition, prayer being offered by the Rev. Geo. E. Booker, pastor Epworth M. E. Church.

Hon. Taylor Ellyson, Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia, on behalf of the Board of Governors Jamestown Exposition, made the address of welcome. He was followed by Gwynne T. Shepperd, Secretary of the Exposition.

Mrs. James Y. Leigh, President Pickett-Buchanan Chapter, Norfolk, Va., in a very happy vein, welcomed the delegates to Norfolk, Mrs. W. R. McKenney, President Virginia Division, making the response. A very beautiful musical program, consisting of Southern songs, was given by Phinney's Band and the Confederate Choirs. Mr.

Whiddit, of Boston, presided at the organ, and gave a rendition of "Old Black Joe." The convention adjourned to give the delegates an opportunity to see the Exposition.

Wednesday night's session was taken up with the reports of the various officers of the Division. Treasurer's report showed that over \$12,000 had been raised and expended by Chapters. Thursday morning, after prayer by Rev. Dr. Rennie, of the First Presbyterian Church, the commemorative service of the Division was held. Many beautiful tributes to our dead were paid. The next business included reports from the various Chapters in the State. Nearly all of these showed marked increase in members and money raised. There is hardly a county unrepresented in U. D. C. work. Committee reports showed that systematic work had been done throughout the State. On Thursday evening a reception was tendered to the delegates by Dr. and Mrs. Speight, in their home on Freemason street. Mrs. Claude Swanson, wife of the Governor of Virginia; Mrs. W. R. McKenney, President of the Division; Mrs. Jas. Y. Leigh, President Pickett-Buchanan Chapter, Norfolk, and Mrs. Speight, were the receiving party.

Friday morning's session was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Wilham G. Starr, pastor Cumberland Street M. E. Church, and a veteran, and chaplain A. P. Hill Camp, Petersburg, Va. Mrs. Randolph, of Richmond, made her report as Chairman of Ways and Means Committee of the Jamestown Building Association. She reported Beauvoir as completed, and told of its great success during the Exposition. Mrs. C. B. Tate, Treasurer of the Jamestown Building Association, gave her report, showing that all but \$600 had been paid, the building costing \$6,000. Mrs. Walke, Chairman Building Committee, made her report. These reports were accepted with thanks, the Division recognizing that in Beauvoir we had a building of which we were justly proud, especially as it is the only one which in any way touches on the epoch of 1861-'65. Mrs. Wyckoff read the report of Shiloh Monument feelingly and at length. Unfinished business was then taken up.

The Dabney H. Maury Chapter, of Philadelphia, Pa., whose charter was thought to have been returned by the President-General, U. D. C., reported that this had not been done. After some explanation and discussion, motion made, and carried unanimously, that the Virginia Division demand the return of said charter. If this were not done, the whole matter to be carried to the U. D. C. Convention. New business included the increase of capitation tax, the Chapter now sending 10 cents to Treasurer for this purpose. The convention decided that the Treasurer could hold office but two years, successively. Friday afternoon session was devoted exclusively to a well-arranged historical program, presided over by Mrs. J. Enders Robinson, Historian. Friday evening an elaborate reception was tendered by the Confederate Choirs, at the Woman's Club.

Saturday morning the election of officers took place, and resulted in the following:

President, Mrs. C. B. Tate, Draper's Valley, Va.
First Vice-President, Mrs. Jas. Y. Leigh, Norfolk, Va.
Second Vice-President, Mrs. E. J. Neely, Portsmouth, Va.
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Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Larkin, Manassas, Va.
Recording Secretary, Miss N. C. Preston, Seven Mile Ford, Va.

Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mary Wysor, Pulaski, Va.

Treasurer,

Historian, Miss Ruth Early, Lynchburg, Va.

State Recorder of Crosses, Mrs. James E. Alexander, Alexandria, Va.

Custodian, Mrs. J. E. Timberlake, Atlee, Va.

The usual resolution of thanks was adopted by the convention. Manassas chosen as the next place of meeting.

ANNIE MANN.

A DECEMBER DISCUSSION

The Civic Club was debating the question of advertisements, sign-boards and other public questions, and finally a practical member proposed that this matter of reliable advertisements be put to the test, and suggested that she would take a list of the advertisers carrying advertisements in the Southern Club Woman's magazine, *The Keystone*, and find out just what sort of dependence could be placed in such matter.

Early on the morning of December 15th (for the club woman does not shop Christmas week if she can avoid it), *Keystone* in hand, she sallied forth to investigate *The Keystone's* advertisers. Being a housekeeper she took up the matter of foodstuffs first. The club woman is pledged to the support of all pure food legislation and will consider purity first of all in her purchases. She spent quite a while in the big factory of *The Marjenhoff Co.*, Charleston, S. C., and came away satisfied that in C. B. W. biscuits and Pride brand candies the public is getting pure food put up under the most sanitary conditions. At *F. W. Wagener's* she got a three-pound package of Monogram coffee and took it home and sampled it for breakfast. Even her husband, who is fussy and nervous over his morning cup of coffee, pronounced it "capital," while she had to forbid the children the third cup, they liked it so well.

At *D. W. Olandt and Sons* she got the fruit and spices for her Christmas cake, and she always demanded the best and found them there. *Bakers' cocoa* she used that afternoon to make a nourishing and pleasant cup to offer her tired mother, who had arrived from a long journey on the *Atlantic Coast Line*. The old lady had traveled alone on this famous Southern railroad and was in a most cheerful humor, telling of the courtesy of the officials on this line and assuring her daughter "that even the Pullman porters" were polite and "didn't even seem to expect a fee."

The next day, the flour being out, Mrs. "Civic Club Lady" took up her *Keystone* and found that *William Tell flour* was sold by *E. F. A. Wieters*, so she ordered a barrel for the holidays and knew that she would have good biscuits and waffles "when the boys came home from college." She got her mother to go down town with her to help her select a carpet, as "John" had promised her one this year for the library, and she wanted it laid by Christmas. She found just what she wanted at *Louis Cohen & Co's.*, and ended up by ordering some new shades for the dining room from Mr. D., who serves you so kindly in the carpet and uphostering department. Her mother then begged her to go with her to *The Kerrison Dry Goods Co.*, and help her select a black bombazine dress, "for you know," said the old lady, Kerrison has such good black goods." Coming home they both stopped in at the *St. John Hotel*, now called the *Gresham*, to call on some Philadelphia friends, and were so pleased to

hear their friends say it was the best kept hotel they had found yet in the South.

That night "John" complained of several spots on his coat and vest, so Mrs. C. Club sent them at once to *W. S. Copleston, dyer and dry cleaner*, and they came home as good as new. The silver teapot got a fall that morning at breakfast, and the top was broken clean off. It was a hard trial for Mrs. C. C., because that teapot was an heirloom, but, turning to her *Keystone* she found *James Allan & Co.* did repairing, and sent it to him. In a few days time it came back as good as new, the top in shape and the charge was so reasonable, too. The boys came home from college in high spirits, and so comfortable, because they came down from the station in *John McAlister's Transfer*. Their one trouble was the need of shoes, so she sent them up to *H. J. Williams*, who makes a specialty of fitting the feet, and they came back wearing neat and serviceable shoes that really suited their feet. The youngest child went to kindergarten and was so sunny and bright grandma wanted to know who taught her. Why, one of the teachers trained at the *Training School for Kindergartins of the South Carolina Kindergarten Association*.

The lawn mower was out of order, what should she do? Again *The Keystone* was brought into consultation, and she bought a *Philadelphia lawn mower*. She had never been wise enough to buy this kind before, and although the grass was very high and wiry, the new mower cut it like a razor and all the children wanted to try a hand at pushing it. The spare room needed a mirror, where should she get it? So far all *The Keystone* advertisers had proven satisfactory, so she immediately went to *Charles Hickey* (who in Charleston does not know Mr. Hickey and his good work?).

(Continued next month.)

BOOK REVIEWS

The Stork Book, by Newton Newkirk, is an original book of advice to parents on the care of children. The author handles the subject in a rather comical style, and the chapters are more of satires than real advice. The book is profusely illustrated, and is especially suited as a gift to a couple enjoying the pleasures of a first baby. The cover is ornamented with an illustration of a stork and hanging from his bill is a cunning little china baby.

(Cloth. H. M. Caldwell Company, New York and Boston.)

Among the attractive children's books for Christmas, first on the list must come *The Voyage of the Wishbone Boat*, by Alice C. D. Riley, profusely illustrated by L. J. Bridgman. The author understands the art of telling a fairy story and introduces the characters that most appeal to children. The voyage starts with a visit to the toy shop, where the princess meets all the toys, animals and things so interesting to the little ones, and she has wonderful conversations with elephants, and all kinds of animals, trees, plants, gnomes, and even ordinary objects like thermometers. With all of its imagination, there is enough of the real everyday in this book to make it attractive, and it is sure to please young people. The colored illustrations are beautiful, and every page has a marginal decoration of toy soldiers marching up to the castle.

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